



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On May 17th, 2014, America will celebrate local, state, and national parks in commemoration of 2014 Kids to Parks Day; and
- WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day was organized and launched by the National Park Trust (NPT) in May 2011, in response to the decline in park attendance over the last several decades; and
- WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day introduces a new generation to our nation's parks, and empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors; and
- WHEREAS: Families, schools, and communities across Minnesota and America should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia; and
- WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country and encourages a large and diverse group of participants; and
- WHEREAS: With an estimated 500,000 people attending park events in 50 states and Washington, DC, Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 17, 2014, as:

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE